

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 720

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Major Lindsey Kyle Faudree on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in honoring those members of the United States military who, throughout their distinguished careers, have served with honor, bravery, and an unswerving commitment to duty; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Major Lindsey Kyle Faudree of the United States Army, who currently serves as the Regimental Physician Assistant with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) of the U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command and is taking his much deserved retirement after twenty years of exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, both in peacetime and war, Major Kyle Faudree has distinguished himself as an outstanding officer, soldier, and leader whose extraordinary example of military service is worthy of emulation by all, and his exceptional performance, professionalism, and dedicated service have made and will continue to make a significant impact on Army medical services for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, a certified physician assistant and nationally registered paramedic, Major Faudree holds both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Major Faudree is certified as a Flight Paramedic and Tactical Paramedic and holds certifications in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Basic Cardiac Life Support, and Advanced HAZMAT Life Support; and

WHEREAS, Major Kyle Faudree has completed numerous specialized military training courses and programs throughout his service, including Basic Airborne, Navy Water Survival Training, Special Forces Paramedic Course, Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course, Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, Flight Surgeon Course, and Army Combatives Level II; and

WHEREAS, having held his current post since August 2008, Major Faudree previously served as Squadron Physician Assistant with the 4-73 Reconnaissance, Surveillance, and Target Acquisition Squadron (RSTA) (Airborne), 4th Brigade Combat Team, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Major Faudree has been deployed multiple times as a Special Operations Medical Officer, Parachute Infantry Medical Officer, and Special Operations Medic, including deployments to AFRICA Command and PACIFIC Command. He was deployed in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and valorously served ten deployments in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM; and

WHEREAS, Major Faudree has multiple awards and decorations for performance in both combat and peacetime operations; he is a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal (three awards), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with "Valor" device (two awards), the Air Medal (four awards), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with "Valor" device, the Army Commendation Medal (three awards), the Army Achievement Medal (eight awards), the Good Conduct Medal (three awards), the Operation IRAQI FREEDOM Service Medal, the Operation ENDURING FREEDOM Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (two awards), the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal (two awards), the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Award, the Valorous Unit Award, and the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award; and

WHEREAS, Major Kyle Faudree also possesses the Combat Action Badge, the Combat Medical Badge, the Expert Field Medical Badge, the Flight Surgeon Badge, the Basic Aviation Badge, the Basic Airborne Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Driver's Badge (Wheeled and Track), and the Expert Marksmanship Badge (Rifle, Pistol, and Machine Gun); and

WHEREAS, a four-time recipient of the Boeing Rescue Award for his service in Afghanistan, Major Faudree received the Army Surgeon General Physician Assistant Recognition Award in 2014, commonly referred to as the "Army PA of the Year Award"; and

WHEREAS, Major Kyle Faudree has distinguished himself as a member of the board of directors of the Special Operations Medical Association, a voting member of the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care, and as the USASOC Medical Officer Representative on the USSOCOM Curriculum and Examination Board; and

WHEREAS, our country and its citizens will forever be in debt to Major Faudree for his selfless service; his work has been instrumental to the special operations medical services community, and his operational focus serves as a role model for all; and

WHEREAS, Major Kyle Faudree's accomplishments, dedication to selfless service, and his exceptional leadership and organizational skills set him well above his peers, reflecting great credit upon himself, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), and the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, throughout his storied career, Major Faudree has served these United States with honor and distinction, and it is wholly fitting that this General Assembly recognize him on the occasion of his retirement from military service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Major Kyle Faudree on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army, extending our gratitude for his many years of courageous service and our best wishes for his every future happiness and success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.